

# Rain stopped, sufferings did not

## Low-lying areas in port city waterlogged for 3 days

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Even though the torrential rain took a break in the port city, the sufferings of residents did not. Many low-lying areas in the city are still under knee-deep water.

Water is yet to recede in many areas, including, Haliashahar, Agrabad, Chandgaon, Bakalia Bara Miah Masjid lane and Rahattar Pool Ujir Ali Shah by lane till yesterday afternoon.

Residents in these areas have been confined in their homes for three consecutive days.

Mahmuda Khatun, a resident at Ujir Ali Shah by-lane in Rahattarpool area, said, "All the valuables in the house have been damaged in water and all my family members have been taking refuge in our neighbour's house."

"The ground floor water tank has been submerged, so we don't have any drinking water in the house," said Abdul Mabud another resident of the same area.

"We're confined by water for three days... there's water everywhere but not a drop for us to drink," said Sheuly Dey, another resident in the area.

"I don't understand why the water hasn't receded yet," said Kutub Uddin (60), a resident at Bakalia Bara Miah Masjid area, adding, "We've faced waterlogging before, but never a situation as grave as this."

"Who do we ask these questions? No authorities concerned have visited the area to see our sufferings in three days," he said.

Contacted, CCC Mayor Rezaul Karim Chowdhury said, "The Chattogram Development Authority (CDA) has been implementing a mega project to address the city's



Children from surrounding schools in the Bakulia area of port city, set for home by walking through the submerged road with great difficulty as no vehicles could be seen in sight. Even though the rain has stopped, residents of low-lying areas in the port city are faced with much peril since most of these areas have been waterlogged for the last three days.

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# Barbed wire fences to be set up in Ctg hills

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Barbed wire fences will be installed in the hills of Chattogram, aiming to stop illegal settlements, said Md Ashraf Uddin, divisional commissioner of Chattogram and convener of the hill management committee, yesterday.

He said this at the 24th meeting of the committee held at the conference room of the Divisional Commissioner.

The government has already provided houses to many landless people under the Ashrayan Project. The people living in the hills of port city will also be rehabilitated under the project, he added.

Sujan Chowdhury, estate officer of railway (eastern zone), said at least 3,000 families were living illegally in their four hills.

In Chattogram, the hill management committee identified 28 landslide-prone hills, where around

# AL leader hacked to death in Rajbari

Another shot in Satkhira

STAR REPORT

A local Awami League leader was hacked to death in Pabna-Rajbari border area yesterday.

The deceased -- Md Akkas Ali (70) from Dharai village in Bera upazila, Pabna -- was the secretary of ward-6 AL unit under Dhalarchar union.

Akkas was supervising a road construction project at Rakhagasi village, a border point of Pabna's Bera and Rajbari's Golando, said Md Rawshan Alom, officer-in-charge of Aminpur Police Station in Pabna.

When he went to the project site in the morning, a group of criminals attacked him, said the OC.

"On information, we rushed in and cordoned off the spot," he said.

"As the spot falls in Rajbari, we informed the district police. They will take the body. A case will be filed with Rajbari Police Station," said the police officer.

"The reason behind the murder is not clear. Criminals might have killed him over previous enmity," the OC added.

Meanwhile, miscreants shot Fazlur Rahman (59), vice president of Satkhira Sadar upazila unit of AL, yesterday noon.

Two people on a

# A well-oiled syndicate

Oil being smuggled from ships through Karnaphuli by influential locals



This is the vessel that has reportedly been used to smuggle huge amounts of unrefined edible oil from large ships stationed at the outer anchorage of Chattogram port. Authorities have caught this vessel with thousands of litres of oil not once, but twice.

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FM MIZANUR RAHAMAN, Ctg

A strong, well-organised syndicate has been reportedly smuggling unrefined edible oil from mother vessels stationed at the outer anchorage of Chattogram port.

The syndicate has not only smuggled edible oil but also peddled different kinds of fuel using unique techniques, and managing local police and other agencies.

Although such illegal activities have been continuing for a long time, the smuggling issue came to light after river police of Chattogram zone seized a lighter vessel carrying 11,000 litres of unrefined edible oil on February 24.

The oil was being smuggled through Karnaphuli River. Police also arrested 12 in this connection.

According to investigators, Harunur

Rashied (42) of the port city's EPZ area is the mastermind behind the syndicate. With the help of his lighter vessel, syndicate members have smuggled oil to different points of Karnaphuli to sell in the open market.

This correspondent has investigated how the syndicate smuggles oil from the sea to land and found Harun's involvement. It also came to light how Harun has made himself a leader of the ruling party's Jubo League in port city's ward-39, EPZ area.

Despite Harun being accused in the smuggling case filed with Patenga Police Station on February 24, he was not arrested. The accused is roaming freely in his area and even attends political programmes.

According to the case statement of

river police, during a regular patrol in Karnaphuli on the night of February 24, a team spotted the vessel "Tanisha Enterprise" at Ghat-13 in Uttar Laldiya Char area and seized it when smugglers were trying to load unrefined vegetable oil into two oil tanker.

During the drive, 12 persons were held as they failed to show any valid documents. After searching the vessel, police found 11,000 litres of oil inside the ship's basement.

According to police, the value of the seized oil is about Tk 8.80 lakh. The oil was scheduled to be smuggled from Patenga to another spot using the tankers.

Wishing anonymity, an official of river police told The Daily Star, "During primary interrogation of the arrestees, we came to know that the oil was unloaded from a

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# Hilsa in a pond!

## Locals catch 8 hilsas from Barguna pond

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Eight medium-sized hilsa fish were found in a pond at Chhota Mokamia village in Barguna's Betagi upazila. The incident has caused a stir in the area as hilsas are usually found in the rivers.

The pond where the hilsas were caught is owned by former UP member Rizia Begum.

Md Shahin, resident of the adjacent house, said each hilsa weighs around 400-500 grammes.

Locals, even amidst the utter astonishment, said if it is possible to cultivate hilsa in the pond, commercial cultivation can be started.

Betagi Upazila Fisheries Officer Abdul Gaffar said their research is currently ongoing over the matter.

"Research is being conducted on commercial hilsa cultivation in ponds. If the research is successful, hilsa can be cultivated in closed water bodies," said Md Lokman Hossain, a researcher in the Department of Fisheries at Patuakhali Science and Technology University.



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